

## **INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL**

### **HEALTH SYSTEMS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Recorded by Barbara Ferreira

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bonnie Bear, Jean Brunelli, Valerie Charlton, M.D., Arleen Downing, M.D., Mary Lu Hickman, M.D., Julie Kingsley, Robin Millar, Peter Michael Miller, M.D., Ivette Pena, M.D. and Terence Williams for Janine Swanson

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#### **MINUTES REVIEW:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved with the following corrections:

- Date should read March 23, 2001
- Under Announcements second line Kay should be Keeta
- It should be noted that Janine Swanson joined the committee after attending the Quality Assurance Committee meeting.

It was noted that a parent representative has not yet been appointed to the committee. A request will again be made at the ICC meeting.

#### **RECOMMENDATION FOR VISION SCREENING:**

The committee reviewed following recommendation for Vision Screening:

##### **INTENT:**

1. Child Health Disability Prevention (CHDP) vision screen or equivalent
2. Evaluation by or under authority/responsibility/supervision of primary healthcare provider

##### **MECHANISM:**

1. CHDP Exam – results to DDS/CDE (training of primary healthcare provider regarding records needed).
2. If exam/record not available within 45 days, initial assessment by qualified professional (licensed healthcare provider or visually impaired credential)
  - a) Vision assessment by trained licensed healthcare provider/visually impaired credential per CDE guidelines
  - b) Vision assess by trained licensed healthcare provider per “DDS guidelines”
  - c) Vision assess by trained healthcare provider per CHDP provider
3. Results from 2 to primary healthcare provider for:
  - a) Follow-up of child exam if needed, and
  - b) Report back to regional center/SELPA
4. Data Collection and follow-up to evaluate screening process – evaluation by DDS/CDE combined monitoring team
5. If no primary care provider, child gets referral to primary health care provider.

A sub-committee of Dr. Mary Lu Hickman, Robin Millar and Jean Brunelli will revise the wording of the recommendation to be reviewed at the July meeting.

**HEALTH RELATED EARLY START SERVICES AND A GUIDE TO HEALTHCARE:**

The committee is reviewing a checklist to be adopted as part of the IFSP guide in the service coordinator's handbook and for service providers' training. A copy of one used by San Diego Regional Center was shown as a possible model.

Committee has recommended that a checklist modeled after San Diego County's be adopted as a statewide guide for the IFSP. It is also recommended that it be a part of the chapter for the service coordinator/provider trainings. This is to decrease variability, so that all children entering the system, no matter where, will have the same items reviewed.

**UPDATE ON HEALTH STATUS MONITORING:**

Dr. Mary Lu Hickman and Terence Williams reviewed the process of health status monitoring during the site visits and reported that nearly all the regional centers and SELPAs are addressing health issues during these visits. There is an increase in the use of qualified health professionals in reviews of health status. It is expected that the multidisciplinary team is responsible for ensuring that health issues are addressed. The committee recommends that a health professional be on each monitoring team.

**OTHER:**

Dr. Hickman reported on AB 688 which states that "by January 1, 2003, DDS in conjunction with the Association of Regional Center Agencies, shall develop and implement a function based evaluation and protocols and guidelines for determining eligibility for regional center services for persons with autism and disorders not explicitly listed in Lanterman Act, that require treatment similar to disabilities named in the Act." DDS is required to get the guidelines written and have established a Director's Council on Autism.

Dr. Hickman provided copies of the American Academy of Pediatrics article "The Pediatrician's Role in the Diagnosis and Management of Autistic Spectrum Disorder in Children.